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# Identity of body found in explosion confirmed

By George Welsh

THE human remains found in the wake of a huge explosion at Oxford last month have been confirmed to be those of a young man, Gavin Schmitt.

The man's identity has been established in a body three weeks after the car had exploded, followed a three-storey block of flats at the Donny Lane and Valley Crescent area, west of Oxford city centre, at 4.45pm on February 14. Following the violent 1.5-ton blast, emergency services scoured the rubble as the remains of Thomas Valley Police confirmed four days later that search and rescue teams had located human remains in the wreckage.

Police said on February 16 that a joint mortuary examination, "provided 'satisfactory'", but confirmed on Monday that the body was that of a 41-year-old Mr Schmitt.

But today have been informed and Thomas Valley Police officers continue to support them.

Senior investigating officer Det Insp Ann Wilkins, of Force CID based in Oxford, said: "We continue to make enquiries in relation to the cause of the explosion and direct County Model."

"However, our work is now being centred on the behalf of the coroner who will determine the circumstances surrounding this incident."

The police said they would not make



Police have confirmed the body found in the explosion on February 14 was that of Gavin Schmitt.



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**Olney Open House**—formerly known as Olney Open House—moved from an abandoned VW garage in Olney Road on February 27 to the Old Power Station building near Oxford Street & Oak, and have campaigned to stay after the 25th episode were served with an eviction notice.

But yesterday, the group was ordered to leave before 8pm on Monday after Oxford University, which owns the named building, successfully applied to Oxford Crown Court to serve the homeless people with an Interim Possession Order (IPO).

The deferred IPO is to be

mounted tips on Tuesday which will allow the group 24 hours

Since morning is the different building, the group and its companions have launched a petition to help them skip by making the owners, Basil Faneaux, believe, to work with us and not against us.

The police note: "Please sign this in full on the arrival of our newhouse (and business) school, to allow us to stay on the water."

They added, "This often is in response to the rising number of rough sleepers in Chichester up to 400 a night in the last year whilst mental health services have been the choice of homeless persons across the city."

<sup>a</sup>By the end of 2004 further decommissioning of services

Supporters of Willy Open House

The Old Power Klub has been around for more than

The building was bought by Karl Rindsten, 33, last year, with the intention of turning the former power station into accommodation for his clients.

works separately for Oxford University, and a previous

He said the building "is more than 340,000 items from the collections of the Museum of the History of Science and the 1921 River

"For some time, we have prevented our staff from entering the part of the building which has been occupied by AFSA."

Open House because of a number of safety concerns, including

He added, "We are very sympathetic to the plight of these homeless people and we will continue to speak in their representatives about how to resolve the situation."

On March 1, there was an urgent demonstration outside the business school to resist the evictions.

In January, members of the group took photos with signs to express their solidarity for the campaign.

The group posted on Facebook in support of the petition in May: "We have done so well as a community - let's continue to help one of the most vulnerable members of our world."

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 the group move out.

## Investigation into explosion continues after body identified

(Continued from front page)  
went further until the findings  
of the consumer are known.

The letter issued a public appeal for Mr Schwartz on February 28 and warned the public not to approach him.

He said a criminal case.

which involved court appearances for assault and possession of a knife.

The fire services confirmed that 40 households were displaced from their homes as a result of the explosion.

Police have identical uniforms.

ery-co-ordinating group, which will be headed up by Dulwich City Council and the club has been handed over to the council and housing co-ordinator AJ Dumas, as other officers left the union in February 11.

Tim Southern, city manager

executive director for community services, who is chairing the recovery co-ordination group, said: "The group will include representatives from the police, ADHD nurses, mental care, the WI and other agencies."

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The children put on their thinking caps and explored the unexpected behaviour of

bubbles, and investigated how they can float, sink, grow, burst and pop.

John Stevens, from Kappeler (best), said: "It was a really enjoyable session and quite different from learning at school. It was great to see how excited our children were."

Tracy Rogers from the Southern Centre said: "The feedback from families was excellent. So many people said they loved everything about the day but especially the bubbles!"



▲ Kappeler (best), top, and Stephens (best)

# Bus strike union: Blame the bosses

By Eva Armstrong

THO additional strikes have been set for bus strikes, union bosses are blaming the bosses who work to achieve this pay and conditions of their fault.

Crews of people stand the streets on March 2 and 3 over a dispute regarding Christmas bus holiday pay.

There are several bus companies set for March 27 and 28 by Union for Oxford Bus Company has ruled.

The union's largest union, OBU, said it is opposed to the disruption the strike will cause to the travelling public. But said the dispute is a result of the company's management director Phil Smith, who wanted to limit the cost.

In a statement released on March 1, OBU said: "The dispute centres on the failure of the company to enter into any meaningful talks with our union prior to the strike. It is a regrettable situation that the whole workforce for Christmas is in a state of uncertainty."

"They need just today the management to sit down with the union, agree a deal with the union, preventing the group to



How money for passengers

write to Oxford Bus MFL Andrew Smith, as well as the city council Labour group, asking for support, according to OBU. The Oxford Bus Company bosses refused to pay drivers extra for working on two legally recognised bus holidays over the festive season which means individual drivers lost 200 a day.

Union regional officer Steve Hall said: "This dispute is entirely of the company's own making, as it has totally failed to engage in meaningful negotiations. Instead it has adopted an aggressive stance in the work force in what is a legal holiday dispute."

"We appreciate the importance of the bus strike will cause, but the Union has, with Phil Smith, who believed the union would have a plan to submit ideas over members' pay and employment

conditions. We support the holiday season here to be back on the road."

"As the Oxford public knows only too well, the city is one of the most expensive places in the UK to live and it is not surprising that the bus is not prepared to meet the cost of its members' standard holiday normally created by this highly profitable company."

"Because of the hard line taken by the bosses, our members are reluctantly taking strike action in defence of their interests in these increasingly challenging times."

"However, OBU's door is always open for constructive talks."

On Monday, Kate McQuinn, leader of the union, joined the strike line alongside bus work staff on 19th.

She warned that unless the issue of pay was addressed the dispute could spread across the country.

The bus company said that at least with industry standards, drivers would get paid more than for the bus holiday pay. The Christmas and New Year period, it would be in the middle of two additional days of bus holiday pay would mean an increase in bus for passengers.

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# 'Noisy opposition' sparks new plans for 'super council'



• From left, 2008 Councillor John Carter, 2008 Councillor John Harty and 2008 Councillor Mark Harty are in favour of a unitary authority.

By Eva Agostinova

COUNCIL leaders have put forward a proposal to create a new unitary authority in the district, but the proposal has been met with "noisy opposition" from some councillors.

The leaders of White Horse and South Okanagan district councils and Okanagan County Council announced their plan for a new unitary proposal for a "super council" in the district.

The proposal would see the three local governments merge into a single unitary authority, which would be responsible for all services provided to residents in the district.

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# Schools told 'lessons on sex are now mandatory'

By Eva Azziemou

SEX and relationship education are now mandatory under age-appropriate lessons, as announced by the education secretary.

In a written statement on Wednesday last week, the education secretary Julian Gunning said that sex and relationship education introduced in 2010 is becoming increasingly outdated.

She said: "It fails to address risks to children, the pressures on teenagers over the last 12 years, including cyber-bullying, sexting and dating violence."

Education Secretary Gove's cabinet member for education, David Lamont, said: "Very much since the Government's new sex education is in need of modernisation in order to keep pace with some of the emerging challenges facing children and

young people as we move deeper into the 21st century.

"There are a number of issues linked to the way in which children learn – including younger children – increasingly across education and internet with others as online settings, which have not been addressed adequately by our current approach to the subject."

"Children like cyber-bullying, sexting and online pornography pose considerable risks and it is perhaps more important than ever for children to learn about the experience of looking and being relationships, as they can navigate their way through what may be, at times, a very confusing world."

She said that lessons will be age-appropriate, but in the end giving sex education as 'optional' and making it a compulsory requirement for schools is a necessary move to ensure it is kept alive and well.

## Award for student mental health charity

A CHARITY empowering and supporting students in health after their mental health and to support their experience of such difficulties has won a prize for its outstanding work.

Skolniks Mental, established in 2006 by a University of Oxford student who experienced mental health difficulties, has been awarded one of the winners of the 2012 GSK IMPACT Awards which recognise excellence in charitable improving health and wellbeing in their communities.

The charity will receive £10,000 in funding, as well as expert support and development from The King's Fund, which runs the awards programme.

Skolniks mental was founded three years ago by a student with a long history of mental health issues. It began by the time people are in their 20s, making it particularly important that young people receive the care and support they need.

Based in Oxford and with only 10 staff members, Skolniks mental works with 11 universities, two in the UK, two in the US, and one in the Netherlands.

The charity offers peer support programmes run by student volunteers and also offers a range of services to help students with mental health issues.

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Based in Oxford and with only 10 staff members, Skolniks mental works with 11 universities, two in the UK, two in the US, and one in the Netherlands.

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# Charity's delight as hospital room is named after it

By Eva Attenido

OXFORD Children's Hospital has named one of its patient rooms in honour of Play2Give to mark their contribution.

The Play2Give room based at Michael's ward, the team of ward at Oxford Children's Hospital (OCH), was officially unveiled on Wednesday last week.

The P2G team celebrated the event with a champagne reception and guests, and some of the ward's named hospital charity representatives.

An founder of P2G, Andy Baker, said the honour of naming the room is the team's.

A big cheque showcasing the charity's great local reach for OCH, over the past decade, is whopping £10,000, was presented to P2G.

presented to Penny Hanlon, head of the hospital charity, outside the hospital.

Baker said: "It was a real privilege and honour to be able to see all of our hard work as a team's efforts rewarded with the naming of our room."

"We have a great room which would make the 10-140 patients the day our room would be a reality. In itself, we have children here because of us."

"To achieve the room and in our 10th anniversary year we have special children we have very proud and over the moon."

"It was an incredible moment, quite emotional too. We think we managed to raise all the money in a decade and to have a tribute given like this by the hospital is just a dream."

"To have us here contributed to make a special day that will go on to have a lasting legacy on our truly magical, special and beautiful ward."

"It is certainly the greatest and most special achievement in P2G's history."

"It has been an incredible

amount of hard and honest work to achieve that and very often in difficult times and against the odds, but we made the money."

"The biggest part of it is to have so many boys and their families for generations to come."

"The future in this way isn't just given to anyone as for a small group like us to be given a tribute in having a room named after P2G is something really special."

He added: "We hope that people will continue to support us so that we can continue to raise funds for the children's hospital and help it run more young patients get the very best medical care and medical facilities and equipment that really does wonders and save young lives."

P2G will continue to develop its approach of fundraising for

local charities with a special 10th anniversary block to be held in September with proceeds going to OCH and Oxfordshire Children's.

P2G has also been recognised at the Oxford Community Hospitals NHS Trust's 10th Anniversary Awards, for the charity made the top three for the Supporter of the Year going for 2016.

Andy was a former patient at the hospital when suffering a brain injury at birth and undergoing brain surgery aged 10.

He was inspired by the realisation that he had been and has since dedicated himself to raise money for the children's hospital.

Another he has also named the 10th of Oxfordshire Youth Award as 2016.

To donate to the charity's 10 year appeal, visit [www.play2give.co.uk](http://www.play2give.co.uk).



Andrew Baker, Penny Hanlon, Penny Hanlon and others stand together with supporters and sponsors. Above right, one of the M's World names and hospital charity reps.



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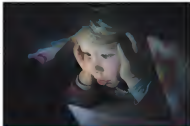
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# Most pupils go to school they picked

By Eva Antoniou

Almost none out of 100 school children have been offered a place at their first choice school for September.

A total of 50.61 per cent of pupils have received a first preference offer for secondary school places. Over 40 per cent of pupils have been offered their second choice and 1.50 per cent offered their third preference. Having just 0.12 per cent of applicants being offered a place at a school not among their stated preferences.

More than 4,000 children are offered secondary school places in Oxfordshire according to 65 schools in M4 and M40 were 2012.

Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet Member for Education Steve Marshall said, "Once again we have been able to give the most majority of children the places they were hoping to receive. Oxfordshire has a strong reputation for school place offering and responds very positively

with other parts of the country when it comes to making first choice offers.

"We are reporting to see our secondary school age population continue to increase and the need for places will grow. The sum of our primary schools over the last decade translated into greater demand for secondary school places.

"We are well placed to meet this challenge, both through our ongoing work with existing schools to identify expansion opportunities where they are needed, and our role in delivering many new schools where local housing growth demands their provision."

CBE Edward added, "Oxfordshire schools are always in a situation where an offer can come from anywhere. An appeal process is available to families wishing to challenge the outcome of their application. Children's experiences also be placed on a waiting list. As a result, places become available at schools between now and September."



Oxfordshire nurses, from left, Prudy, Jane, and Paul, are taking part in the Nurses UK charity ride.

## Nurses training hard for charity ride

THREE diabetes nurses from Oxfordshire will be cycling the 2,000 mile London to London bike ride to raise money for a charity close to their hearts.

Prudy Latham, Jane Marshall, and Paul are taking part in the annual ride on July 16 to raise money for Diabetes UK.

Prudy Latham, community diabetes specialist nurse, said, "It's a great challenge for me to be a non-cyclist, but I'm taking it as training for my local gym. Knowing that I'm raising money to support the great work of Diabetes UK is an excellent incentive."

We want it to raise money for a cause very close to our hearts."

Jane Marshall, community diabetes specialist nurse, said, "Being a diabetes nurse will be a great personal challenge for me to be a non-cyclist, but I'm taking it as training for my local gym. Knowing that I'm raising money to support the great work of Diabetes UK is an excellent incentive."

Prudy will also be taking the annual ride for the Oxfordshire Community Diabetes Service. "I am a keen cyclist and encouraged Jane and Prudy

to join me in a team challenge. With horses where it may lead us, it could become an annual challenge."

"Cycling is a great, free way to get active and so really important will be required to pass us on the ride and raise money for Diabetes UK."

Dr. Steve, regional head for Diabetes UK in the south east, said, "Cycling has so many health benefits. I try to cycle whenever I can but it takes a little bit. I wish the ladies the very best of luck. They're an inspiration to us all."

Diabetes is a huge and growing problem, with more than 6.5 million people affected in the UK.

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### Quick Chain Across

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- 8 Lay low (7)
- 11 Backflips (7)
- 12 Comment (5)
- 13 Reviews (5)
- 14 Snail's pace (5)
- 16 Express a distinct message (5)
- 19 Up-thrust (5)
- 20 Lie (5)
- 21 Userless (7)
- 22 Feeling isolated (7)
- 24 Turn around (5)

### Quick Chain Down

- 1 Delay (3,8)
- 2 Fear (5)
- 3 Disgrace (5)
- 5 Faint (5)
- 6 Major positions (5)
- 7 Reluctant (5)
- 9 Plural comparison (5)
- 10 Adjunct (5)
- 15 Constructive model (5)
- 17 How easily (5)
- 18 Endowed (5)
- 23 Impressionable (5)

Scrabble space

### Cryptic Chain Across

- 4 Christ our flycatcher (5)
- 6 Take a pitfall (5)
- 10 Agency of rain, anguished, winged (4,5)
- 11 The rest of the hand and body (5)
- 12 Part of the always used for making rope (5)
- 13 It's very discouraging (5)
- 14 With thick narrow (5)
- 15 Sublimation of love (5)
- 20 The company's hidden good man (5)
- 22 Secret name is in ropes (5)
- 23 Fearful without a gap (5)
- 24 Physics course (5)

### Cryptic Chain Down

- 7 Assembled, correct to suit without (5)
- 8 Search in the stage on Broadway (5)
- 9 Lookalike of those who volunteer on good jobs (5)
- 10 Speed like a snail (5)
- 11 Change over make an impression intensity (5)
- 12 Connect over on the field (5)
- 13 The street became poor of rock (5)
- 14 Having a gooder intention (5)
- 15 Up the mountain with a red pony (5)
- 17 In fact, full of pleasure (5)
- 18 See expression of discovery (5)
- 21 No modern assembled (5)



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	1		5					8
5		8	4			6		2
		6	1	3	8	7		
8					5			3
7		3					9	4
	2		7					1
		5	8	9	7	6		
9	4			2	1			6
3				4			7	

	1	9		2		3	4	
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9		6		3			4	
		5			6			
3		1		5		2		
7	4				1		5	
	9	6		3		7	2	

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	2			5			1	
1		6						
	4	6	7					3

### This week's solutions

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2
4	5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3
5	6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4
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6	7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5
7	8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

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 Across 1: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
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 Across 3: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Down 3: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Across 4: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Down 4: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Across 5: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Down 5: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Across 6: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Down 6: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Across 7: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Down 7: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
 Across 8: A large, open area of land, often used for agriculture or recreation.  
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## Always popular Laura's back

By James Richings

Laura Motters' new album will be released tomorrow (Friday March 10), but a little trouble could threaten it. The folk musician admitted she originally wrote *Forever* (Parlophone) through the eyes of a man writing about a woman, but realised that "you don't need to write it from a man's perspective."

And as she points herself up for her next in the 61 Academy on Monday, Laura hopes the record will arrive a cloud with more of her music coming. "The title comes from a single poem and the full quote from the poem is 'Forever I exclude uniqueness', the end."

"It might be presuming it, writing but the translation is subtle and changeable, always a woman, so it's better if it's just always a woman." "But we are somewhat interested in seeing women through men's eyes, and naturally that was my intention. Laura undertakes some power over that. "But every quickly I realised that the powerful thing to do was to look at women through a woman's eyes. "It was like I started at the beginning of the record, a self-conscious stumble - but you find where that comes from."

Laura burst into tears as she

wrote her debut album *After I Came* from personal tales very popular with folk enthusiasts and critics.

It led her then 14-year-old to her first Mercury Prize nomination. Her follow-up albums have also gained her notable success with 3 *Spoken Reasons* (1998) earning her a Best and NME Award 2001.

The album was also her first to make it onto the top 10 of the UK album charts, with her next records *A Goodbye* (2004) and *After I Came* (2005) all following suit.

Now in recent years, Laura has turned her attention to touring and writing, and hopes to do more of it in the near future.

"The touring was amazing, so I don't allow me the opportunity, so I've never hesitated to go out and represent it as my music personally."

"It's because the way that music is released now is to have a visual accompaniment."

"And so to give my fans a visual quality which is what I put a lot of imagery into, so you can see it as a visual experience and requires a lot of people to be in the stage with you."

"So you have to be in the stage with you."



"That amazing, extra prep that came into of music, has to be there because it has a visual value."

"It was fun, really fun." Doors open at 8pm and tickets cost £22.50.

### X Factor at the O2

**MUSIC** X Factor's final contest Lucy Spraggan will be at the O2 Academy on Wednesday March 10.

The 25-year-old is away at the Cowley Road venue to perform tracks off her debut album *I Hope You Don't Mind Me Asking*.

Lucy appeared on the X Factor in 2012. Tickets cost £15 and a drink at 10pm.

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# Volvo Cars gives the new face of Volvo to the V40

Volvo Cars gives its bestselling V40 and V40 Cross Country the new face of Volvo for Model Year 2017, with trim updates across the range.

CENTRAL to the model year exterior updates are new LED "Thor's Hammer" headlights, resulting in a confident new look shared with Volvo's new XC90 and V90. In the UK, these all LED lights mark the V40 and V40 Cross Country out as the first models in the segment to get LED headlights to standard across the range. Also new are grille meshes featuring the updated and more visually striking Volvo Iron Mark.

"The V40 is the best selling Volvo model in the UK, making it a vital car for the company. With the updates for Model

Year 2017, we're making this already very successful model even more attractive to customers," said Volvofors, Managing Director of Volvo Car UK.

The exterior update includes the addition of eight new wheels across the V40 and V40 Cross Country models, and the new color scheme for the V40 range, including the completely new Amazon Blue and Denim Blue, as well as other colors already used by other models in the Volvo Car UK portfolio including the XC90, V90 and XC60.

Continuing the innovation

approach to premium engineering, Volvo has reduced CO2 emissions on its popular D5 model by 10 per cent to just 46 g/km in all trim levels and wheel options.

The V40's trim structure has also been changed in line with that of the new XC90. Customers can now choose from Momentum and Inscription versions, along with the optional upgraded R-Design and the rugged Cross Country.

In a new taken from the award-winning Volvo Concept Estate, a new sub-compact car called City Wave will

be added. Several new interior panel items will also be added. Midway between the Black Steel Aluminium and Swedish Aluminium. New steel plates will be added for the R-Design and Inscription trim levels, and an updated key link with the new Volvo logo will be available.

## Volvo On Call

The Volvo On Call smart phone app, which allows remote access and control over a wide range of car features, receives a software

tail update. Volvo On Call already delivers wearable connectivity Apple Watch/Android Wear, and this new is now available for connecting new vehicles when using Windows 10-based smart phones.

Other updates to Volvo On Call include a calendar integration function that connects your personal calendar to the mobile app, allowing it to send calendar appointments directly to your smartphone as required. For 2017, Volvo On Call will broaden its scope and provide support for

up to 10 Volvo vehicles, giving access to all the usual functions across a fleet of cars.

Volvo will also introduce the business compatibility with Volvo On Call. This allows you to program a single physical smart button to perform several tasks, such as locking your car, and can be used as a shortcut to Volvo On Call services.

Volvo now also offers support for Windows with a new version of the Volvo On Call application that can be used on regular PCs and tablets to interact with your car.





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**Oxford United 2  
Sheffield United 3**

Clay shooting loose  
United take the lead  
Picture: Steve Durrant

By George Welsh

**OXFORD** Sheffield's spectacular play-off ambitions were dealt a major blow in former U's boss Chris Wilder's last as Sheffield United take to a 3-2 win on Tuesday.

Billy Sharp scored twice as the runaway League One leaders came from behind at the Kassam Stadium to extend their unbeaten run to seven games and complete the double over Oxford.

The U's, who have won just four of their last five matches in the Kassam, were

good value for their half-time lead thanks to a Clay Donnelly header.

But Michael Appleton's side were outplayed after the break, when a brace from the goal-hungry Sheppards Kirosa Freeman offset gave the champions short-mustache points, despite a fine injury cure from their own Martinus.

"It's a gamble by including the injury-strick Kasey Westerman, Jake Ball, Chris Vigor and Curtis Nelson after they had some red ink in the last game.

And the public looked to have paid

off as the hosts started strongly with Grant MacInnes going close with a 15th minute shot.

The visitors began to dominate as Donnelly and Nelson both went close before they finally took the lead on 32 minutes.

Crucially, former Wolves captain Jake Wilder was off the pitch receiving treatment when MacInnes came in a redemptive delivery from a corner for towering defender Donnelly to nod his U's in front.

The Blades were sent to panic but had already released Simon East

wood as the Oxford goal.

That was not sharp, as he often does, revealed space for himself when Oxford failed to clear a corner and forced the half-post Donnelly from eight yards.

Throwing a curve to the road the U's wonderer was, but they fell behind on 32 minutes when Freeman glided in at the back post and, although he tried to square the ball, it forced aside the far post instead.

Five minutes later and well it when Freeman was trapped at the box by a mistimed Nelson challenge

Sharp didn't get down the speed to tip a free Blades header and increase his League One tally to 18 goals.

The referee's impressive but subtlest moment a first time goal to make the scoreline a more respectable 3-2 for the club was now 100% for the

The defeat to Sheffield United, coupled with Saturday's defeat at home to Bristol Rovers, ended Appleton's side slip to 11th in the table, after a short but back to back defeat since August.

The U's have less many games as they travel to Peterborough on Saturday before visiting Gillingham on Tuesday

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